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CHERVENKOV SCORES INDOCTRINATION SCHOOLS; COUNCIL DECREES EDUCATIONAL REFORM

STRESSES EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 49, 18 Feb 50

In his report made at the January plenary session of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, Vulko Chervenkov stressed the need for an intensive and systematic educational campaign in Marxist-Leninist ideology. A summary of his report follows:

The best training so far has been provided by night schools, which at present are operating 120 political indoctrination courses, 59 of which are extended over one year, 12 over 6 to 12 months, 28 over 3 months, etc. The best results were obtained in the one-year course.

The importance of this educational campaign has been generally underestimated. People with many levels of political education have been enrolled in one class, thereby delaying the general progress, and homework assignments were inconsistent and lacked uniformity. Furthermore, non-Party personalities from government circles and mass organizations have not been included in sufficient numbers. Lectures have been set up on a trite, stereotyped pattern, disregarding local conditions and the particular interests of the audience. For example, courses held for transportation workers, should draw into their program the special problems of that industry; a different line must be taken in courses for farm workers' cooperatives; another for machine tractor stations, etc. The subject matter must include the problems of increasing productivity, improving production standards, raising work quotas, organizing work brigades; it must explain the role of trade unions in the democratic system, etc.

The courses must be held in appropriate quarters and preferably should not exceed 2-hour lessons twice a week; comprehensive discussions must be added to the lectures.

One of the main shortcomings of the campaign lies in irregular attendance. In many localities only 85 percent of the registered students are present and absenteeism has a demoralizing effect on the student body. Furthermore, some courses are conducted with interruptions and thereby discipline is destroyed. Absenteeism must be severely penalized by the responsible party or mass organizations. On the other hand, participants in the night courses must be exempted from all other obligations during their study period.

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Party leaders are directed to give the courses their closest attention and keep them under their personal control by attending the lectures and promoting the studies by every means at their disposal.

PRODUCTION WORKERS TO HAVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 55, 24 Feb 50

At its meeting of 20 February 1950 the Council of Ministers approved the following resolutions:

1. The Committee of Science, Art, and Culture is requested to see that 35 to 40 percent of all students admitted to institutions of higher learning be production workers, either male or female. The young people shall be registered by the central committees of the ORPS General Workers' Professional Union and the Dimitrov Youth Organization and shall be selected mainly from among shock workers, efficiency experts, and youth brigades; they must have at least a 2-year production record.

2. The Ministry of Education is requested, within the provisions of the personnel plan, to grant scholarships in secondary vocational schools to shock workers and efficiency experts employed by the Ministries of Industry, Electrification and Reclamation, Transportation, Roads and Construction, and Agriculture. The students shall be enrolled by the central committees of the General Workers' Trade Union and the Dimitrov Youth Organization.

3. The support of students enrolled in universities and vocational schools shall be assured by the Ministry of Education and the Committee of Science, Art, and Culture through scholarships totaling 6,000 leva monthly in secondary schools, and 8,000 monthly in universities. Subsidies for school supplies shall total 10,000 leva yearly in secondary schools and 15,000 in universities.

4. The Ministry of Education is requested to set up rules concerning the granting of scholarships, and their withdrawal, and to establish special training courses for the selected shock workers and efficiency experts within 2 months after passage of the present resolution.

5. Students selected for admission to universities shall be trained in preparatory courses established by the Committee of Science, Art, and Culture, aided by the Ministry of Education. Only students who have satisfactorily passed the final test of the course shall be admitted. According to their previous educational experience, students will be enrolled in preparatory courses for 6 months, 18 months, or one month.

6. The courses will be held in Sofia, Plovdiv, and Stalin; they shall start 1 March 1950. The respective municipal soviets are requested to provide living quarters for 600 students in Sofia, 550 in Plovdiv, and 350 in Stalin.

7. The ministries mentioned under Point 2 are requested to provide appropriate quarters for the dormitories of scholarship students selected by the ministries and to appoint counselors approved by the Dimintrov Youth Organization.

8. The Committee of Science, Art, and Culture and the Ministry of Education are requested to establish the program of preparatory courses and to provide the teaching personnel. Furthermore, the Ministry of Education shall provide the Committee of Science, Art, and Culture with the necessary classroom space, school supplies, etc.

9. The educational and cultural training of the students shall be conducted under the supervision of counselors and according to instructions issued by the Committee of Science, Art, and Culture.

10. Shock workers and efficiency experts who obtain scholarships shall retain all the rights and privileges they acquired in production plants.

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